BOARD OF REVIEW DECISION

Title of publication: Bad Moms

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1600617.000

Medium: Film

Distributor: Roadshow Film Distributors

Director: Jon Lucas
Scott Moore

Producer: Suzanne Todd
et al.

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Mary Pepping

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Sex scenes, sexual content and offensive language

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 21 September 2016

Date of direction to issue a label: 21 September 2016

Date of notice of decision: 19 September 2016

	Components	**Running time**
Feature(s):	Bad Moms	100:20
Total running time:		100:20

Summary of reasons for decision:

The Applicant applies to have the movie classified as objectionable. The movie, which is currently being shown in cinemas throughout New Zealand is currently rated R16.

The movie tells a story of Amy and her two friends who become disillusioned with the expectations on mothers and children to be perfect and rebel against it. Their escapades, which involve bad language, sexual innuendos, sexual activity, low level violence and references to drug use are all told in a humorous way.

The sex, violence and crime shown in the publication mean that the publication meets the gateway requirements of s3(1) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classifications Act 1993. The Film is not deemed to be objectionable under s3(2). Taking into account the provisions of s3(3) and s3(4) the Board has assessed the offensive language, low level violence, sexual references and scenes and references to crime and has determined that it is likely to be injurious to the public good if viewed by teens under the age of 16. Young adults over the age of 16 will understand and appreciate the humour which underpins the potentially objectionable material.

The Board therefore classifies this publication under s23 as objectionable unless restricted to those over the age of 16 with a descriptive note that the film contains sex scenes, sexual content and offensive language.